

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Benfield et al.**

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For: **Method and System for Restricting and  
Enhancing Topology Displays for Multi-  
Customer Logical Networks Within a  
Network Management System**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT**

Sir:

A Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment was received by Applicant stating that "the reply filed on October 2, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action" because Applicants are alleged to have not pointed out errors in the Examiner's action and are alleged to not have shown how the claim language is patentably distinguishable from the cited reference. A copy of the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment is attached hereto.

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.